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# CANON

## III

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Has Canon been Sakaki's  
pawn all along?

Canon's feelings for the half vampire Sakaki may be blinding her to the truth about Rod. Could it be that Sakaki is merely using Canon in his own quest for vengeance and that Rod is not quite the evil entity she believed him to be? In fact, she may actually owe him her life! She must find out the truth before Sakaki persuades her to destroy the wrong vampire.



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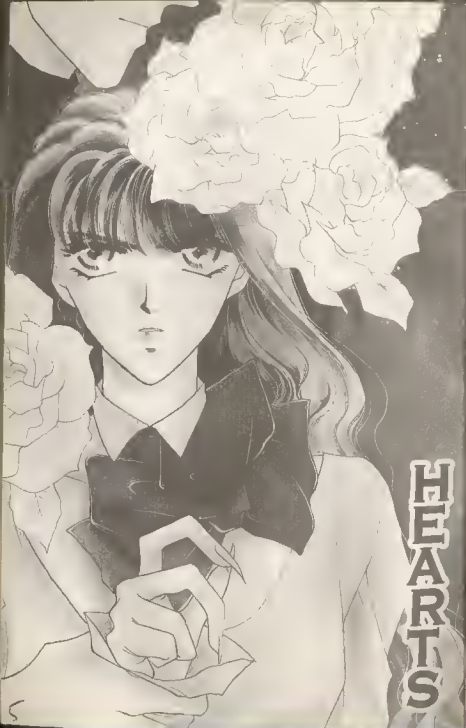
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### The STORY SO FAR

High School student Canon Himuro is turned into a vampire after 39 of her classmates are murdered. Thus begins her journey, accompanied by Pui, the fugitive vampire crow. Though a vampire, Canon has maintained her own will and doesn't drink blood. She wears a cross as a reminder not to lose her own humanity. Along the way, Canon meets fellow vampire Sakaki, who tells her the enemy she's searching for is Rod. Sakaki seeks vengeance against Rod too, for killing his parents. The two form an alliance. Meanwhile, the law of the vampire clan states that "human servants" (such as Canon) and "half-breed vampires" (like Sakaki) are not permitted to live. Because of that, Rod, under orders from the vampire elder, tracks down his own pursuers. During a pitched battle between the two sides, Canon becomes mortally wounded trying to protect Sakaki. Surprisingly, though, it's Rod himself who heals her afterwards with his own life force. Thinking something fishy is going on, Pui tells Sakaki and discovers that he is Canon's true enemy. Canon remembers the truth and learns that Sakaki made her a "servant" in order to take down Rod. Determined to kill Sakaki, Canon visits Rod. Equally determined to follow the vampire creed, Glenn is set on exterminating Canon, but Rod protects her. Canon forms a temporary truce with the "pure vampires" and they give her leave to battle Sakaki alone. Still, Glenn feels distrust for his friend over his relationship with Canon. And so, the final battle between Canon and Sakaki draws near...



...AND  
I'LL  
BRING  
MY  
STRONGEST  
SERVANT  
WITH ME.



IN FACT,  
I'LL MEET  
YOU ON  
YOUR OWN  
GROUND  
TOMORROW...

YOU  
CAN  
RELAX.  
I'M NOT  
GOING  
ANY-  
WHERE.



ANNOYING  
CREATURES  
...

I  
SUPPOSE  
THEY WERE  
TOLD  
BY THEIR  
MASTERS  
TO KEEP  
AN EYE  
ON ME?

FWISH

FLAP

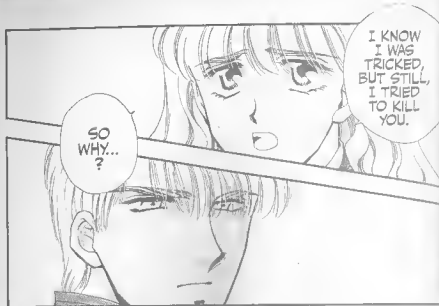
GYAAAA!

KIIII!

FLAP

SMASH

ASH



THE  
VAMPIRE  
ELDER

HE HAD  
VENTURED  
FAR FROM OUR  
HOMELAND  
TO THIS  
ISLAND NATION,  
WHERE HE HAD  
BEEN LIVING  
IN SECRET.

IN THE  
VAMPIRE  
CLAN,  
RICARDO  
WAS PROBABLY  
THE  
STRONGEST  
AND  
SMARTEST  
OF US  
ALL.

SAKAKI'S  
FATHER'S  
NAME  
WAS  
RICARDO.

HE HAD  
TAKEN A  
HUMAN WIFE  
AND THEY HAD  
PRODUCED  
A CHILD.  
HALF-VAMPIRE,  
HALF-HUMAN.

...ORDERED  
ME TO DISPOSE  
OF ALL THREE  
OF THEM...

...AND I  
OBEYED.

HOWEVER...

IT TOOK  
A DECADE  
FOR THE  
CLAN TO  
FIND OUT  
THAT HE HAD  
BROKEN  
OUR LAWS.

BUT  
ONE DAY,  
HE JUST  
DISAP-  
PEARED.

S  
A  
K  
A  
K  
I  
S  
...

TEN  
YEARS  
AGO...

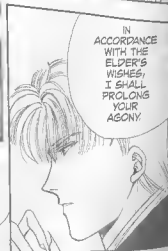
...WHEN I  
MURDERED  
SAKAKI'S  
PARENTS.

...BUT  
WE MET  
BEFORE,  
LONG  
AGO.

EH...?

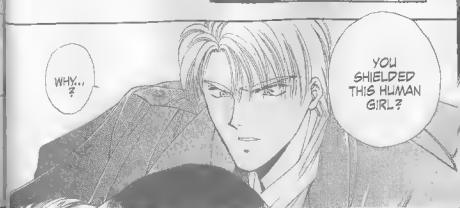
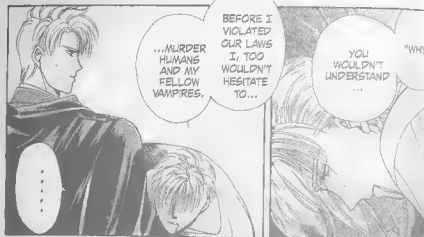
!











WHEN I WAS SIX,  
THE HOSPITAL  
I WAS IN...

...WAS  
SURROUNDED  
BY A FOREST.

I REMEMBER  
HEARING THAT  
I'D GOTTEN  
LOST IN  
THERE ONCE...

TEN  
YEARS  
AGO...

SHE  
SAID  
HER  
NAME  
WAS  
"CANON."

THAT  
GIRL  
WHO HAD  
LOST  
HER WAY  
IN THE  
WOODS  
...

SHE  
WAS  
YOU.

ME...  
?

THEN MY  
DREAM...

THAT REALLY  
HAPPENED...?

MM...



HOWEVER,  
HE DID  
SAVE  
YOU...



...DIED  
SAVING  
MY  
LIFE

THEN  
SAKAKI'S  
FATHER  
...

WAIT...

THEN...

IF WHAT  
HE'S SAYING  
IS TRUE...



RICARDO  
WAS MY  
BEST  
FRIEND  
FOR MANY  
YEARS...

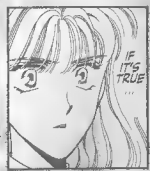


... WHICH  
IS WHY I  
CANNOT  
STAND  
BY AND  
WATCH  
YOU DIE.

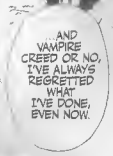


NO.

IT'S  
NOT  
YOUR  
FAULT.



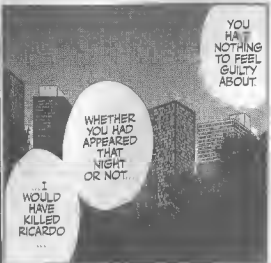
IF  
IT'S  
TRUE  
...



...AND  
VAMPIRE  
CREED OR NO,  
I'VE ALWAYS  
REGRETTED  
WHAT  
I'VE DONE,  
EVEN NOW.



... SO  
CEASE  
THAT  
LINE OF  
THINKING.



WHETHER  
YOU HAD  
APPEARED  
THAT  
NIGHT  
OR NOT...

I  
WOULD  
HAVE  
KILLED  
RICARDO  
...

YOU  
HATE  
NOTHING  
TO FEEL  
GUILTY  
ABOUT.

...IS FOR ME!

I KILLED RICARDO...  
MY BEST FRIEND...  
WITHOUT THE LEAST  
HESITATION...  
!!!!

NO...

THIS...  
THIS FURY...

...EVEN NOW  
I WOULD BE  
SUFFERING ALONE  
IN THE DARKNESS.

IF THIS GIRL  
HADN'T BEEN  
THERE...

RICARDO  
WAS A VAMPIRE  
WITH A HUMAN  
HEART...

...AND  
HE DIED  
PROTECTING  
A HUMAN.

...YOU SAVED  
A STRANGER'S  
LIFE...A  
HUMAN LIFE.

RICARDO...

NOW I  
UNDERSTAND  
WHY...

I ALMOST  
TURNED  
YOU INTO  
MY SERVANT  
THEN...

...AND  
THE DEVIL  
TAKE OUR  
CREED.

THE ANGER AND  
FRUSTRATION THAT  
HAD WELLED UP  
INSIDE WERE  
CONTROLLING ME.

THAT'S  
WHY I...

AND I  
TURNED THAT  
ANGER...

...TOWARDS  
YOU, A  
FEEBLE-LOOKING  
CHILD.

HOWEVER...

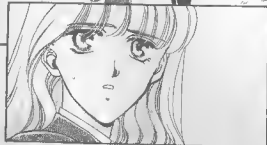


...IF I  
TAKE  
CARE OF THIS  
CROW  
A BIT  
LONGER  
?

IT'S  
OKAY  
WITH  
YOU  
THEN  
...

YES,  
SHALL  
WE HEAD  
BACK?

LORD  
ROD,  
IT'S  
NEARLY  
DAWN  
...



PLEASE  
TAKE  
GOOD  
CARE OF  
FUI.



...I'M-  
I'M SORRY  
FOR THE  
TERRIBLE  
THINGS  
I SAID.



EH...  
?

WAIT,  
IS FUI  
SAYING  
SOME-  
THING  
?

FUI?  
?



LIKE  
SAKAKI,  
RICARDO'S  
SON...

...WHO HAS  
CAST ASIDE  
HIS OWN  
HUMANITY?

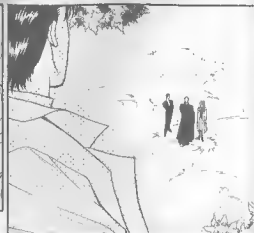


AND YET,  
YOU WOULD  
THROW YOUR  
HUMANITY  
AWAY?



IF YOU DO  
THAT...

...WILL  
THAT NOT  
MAKE YOU  
THE SAME  
AS HE?



MAYBE  
HE'S RIGHT.  
MAYBE WE  
ALREADY  
ARE THE  
SAME...

...I'LL BE  
THE SAME  
AS SAKAKI?

IT'S  
SAKAKI...

RUN...

HE'S  
WATCH-  
ING  
YOU

...FROM  
FAR AWAY,  
CANON...  
WAITING...

WHAT?

NOTHING  
...

WE'VE BOTH  
HAD PEOPLE THAT  
WERE DEAR TO US  
MURDERED BEFORE  
OUR EYES.

WE'VE BOTH  
SWORN VENGEANCE  
AGAINST THE  
KILLER...



IF I  
HESITATE,  
I LOSE.

I KNOW  
YOU'RE  
THERE,  
SAKAKI...

I CAN'T  
STOP  
MYSELF

**SHAKE**

I  
CAN'T...

...THINK  
ABOUT  
THAT  
RIGHT  
NOW.

COME  
OUT  
NOW.

**CRACKLE**

NO MATTER  
WHAT I GIVE  
UP...

...THERE'S  
SOMETHING  
I HAVE  
TO DO.

**I HAVE  
TO...!**

...AND I'M  
THINKING OF  
ABANDONING  
MY HUMANITY,  
JUST LIKE  
HE'S DONE.

IF RICARDO  
WERE STILL  
ALIVE...

...WHAT  
WOULD  
HE THINK  
IF HE SAW  
SAKAKI  
AND ME  
NOW?

SAKAKI'S  
FATHER  
DIED...

...  
PROTECT-  
ING ME.

**WHOOM**



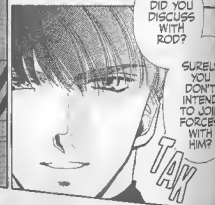
MAKE  
NO  
MISTAKE  
ABOUT  
THAT.

YOUR  
JOB  
IS TO  
KILL  
ROD.



DON'T  
KNOW HOW  
LONG I'LL BE  
ABLE TO FIGHT  
IN HERE...

ALREADY  
MORNING  
OUTSID  
...



WHAT  
DID YOU  
DISCUSS  
WITH  
ROD?

SURELY  
YOU DON'T  
INTEND TO JOIN  
FORCES  
WITH HIM?

TAX



TRYING  
TO  
SELL ME  
THAT ?

YOU'RE  
STILL...



THAT'S  
WHY I  
CREATED  
YOU.

OH,  
YOU'LL  
HELP ME,  
WHETHER  
YOU LIKE  
IT OR  
NOT.

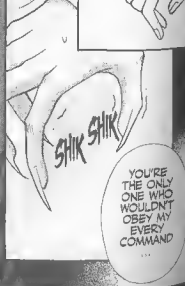


SECURITY  
GUARD  
...



WHUMP

UNGH





I  
TOLD  
YOU  
ALREADY  
!

I'M NOT  
GOING TO  
HELP YOU  
KILL ROD  
!!



...I  
WOULDN'T  
BE ABLE  
TO KILL  
HIM.

I NEED  
YOUR  
POWER



I'M  
HERE  
TO KILL  
YOU!!!



I  
WOULDN'T  
HAVE  
FELT  
...

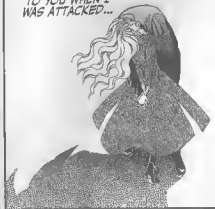
LIKE  
I DO  
EVEN  
NOW.



IT'S TOO  
LATE FOR ME  
TO GIVE UP  
ON YOU NOW.

IF I HADN'T BELIEVED  
IN YOU, I WOULDN'T  
HAVE BEEN WITH YOU...

I WOULDN'T  
HAVE CALLED OUT  
TO YOU WHEN I  
WAS ATTACKED...



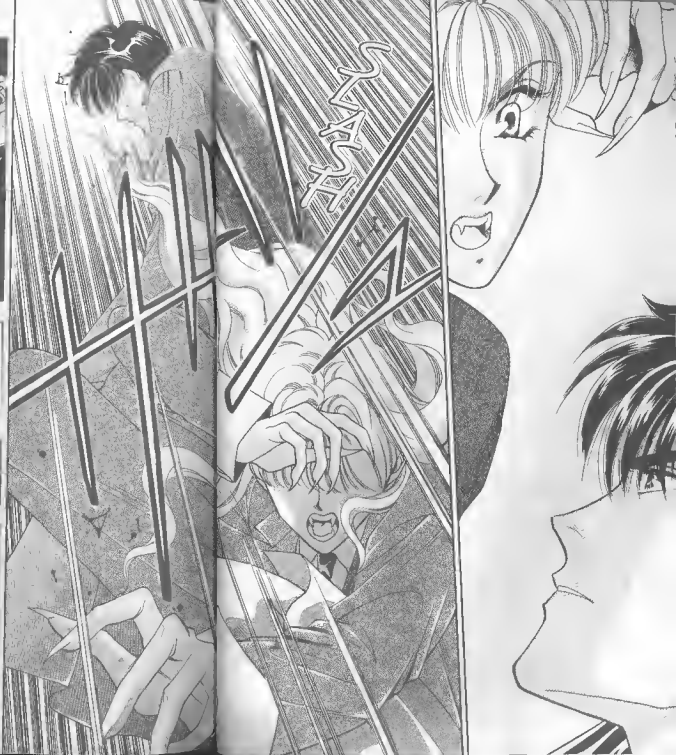


USING  
MIST ONLY  
MAKES YOU  
SLOWER!



SO  
YOU'VE  
FINALLY  
GOTTEN  
SERIOUS  
...

AND  
YOU'RE  
STRONGER  
THAN  
BEFORE





...TO  
WHAT  
I  
CAN  
DO!

YES,  
YOU'VE  
GOTTEN  
STRONGER

...BUT...



THAT'S  
RIGHT...

I FIGURED  
OUT HOW  
TO BE  
STRONGER

IF I'M NOT  
AFRAID OF  
HURTING...

IF I'M NOT  
AFRAID OF  
KILLING...

...THERE'S  
NO LIMIT...









HE BROKE  
THROUGH  
THE WALL ON  
PURPOSE...

GRAB



IN FACT,  
IT SEEMS  
THAT ONLY A  
HALF-BREED  
LIKE  
MYSELF  
CAN  
STAND IT.



YOU WILL  
COOPERATE  
WITH ME, CANON,  
EVEN IF I  
HAVE TO PLANT  
"MEMORIES"  
INTO YOUR  
HEAD ONCE  
AGAIN.



..SUNLIGHT  
!!!



SWISH



SERVANTS,  
WHETHER  
THEY'RE  
CREATED BY  
VAMPIRES...

...OR  
HALF-BREEDS,  
ARE  
VULNERABLE  
TO THE SUN'S  
RAYS.

TAK



NO  
MATTER  
HOW HARD  
I TRY,  
EVEN MY  
POWER..

...IS NO  
MATCH  
FOR THAT  
400-  
YEAR-OLD  
MONSTER!

IT  
TOOK  
ME TEN  
YEARS  
TO GET  
THIS  
STRONG  
...

..BUT  
THIS IS  
AS STRONG  
AS I CAN  
GET!



YOU'RE  
STRONG  
ENOUGH,  
AREN'T  
YOU?!

YOU  
DON'T  
NEED  
TO USE  
ME!

IF YOU  
REALLY WANT  
REVENGE  
THAT BADLY,  
DO IT  
YOURSELF!



BUT YOU,  
YOU'RE THE  
ONE HUMAN  
HE CAN'T  
KILL.

THAT'S  
WHY I  
USED  
YOU!

IF IT  
WERE  
OTHER-  
WISE...



..TAKE  
THE  
COWARDLY  
WAY OUT  
?!

SO WHY?!

WHY DO  
YOU  
ALWAYS...

clatter

CRACK

IF  
YOU...

IF YOU  
WEREN'T  
MY  
ENEMY...

HOW  
DO YOU  
THINK I  
FEEL...  
?

...I  
WOULDN'T  
HATE  
YOU LIKE  
THIS!!

IF YOU  
WEREN'T  
VITAL TO  
MY PLAN,  
I...I...

IF IT  
WERE  
OTHER-  
WISE...

...I  
WOULDN'T  
HAVE  
TOUCHED  
YOU!!

I WISH  
IT DIDN'T  
HAVE TO  
BE  
YOU!



SAKAKI  
...



I...

THIS  
PAIN...

THIS  
MISERY...

THIS  
TORMENT...

...  
BE-  
CAUSE  
...



LET  
ME  
GO  
!!



IT WASN'T  
THIS HARD...

...WHEN I  
THOUGHT ROD  
WAS MY ENEMY.

IT DIDN'T HURT  
LIKE THIS.



**BUT  
SAKAKI**  
...



**I  
FELL**  
...

...IN  
LOVE  
WITH  
YOU...

# CANON

CHIKA SHIOMI



HEARTS: THE END





I  
CAN'T  
THINK  
ABOUT  
THAT  
ANY  
MORE.

HAVE TO  
PUT IT  
OUT OF  
MY MIND...

SQUEEZE

...TO MAKE  
YOU HATE  
ROD AGAIN.  
AND THEN...

ALL I NEED  
DO IS IMPLANT  
MEMORIES  
ONE MORE  
TIME...

CANON

CHIKA SHIOMI

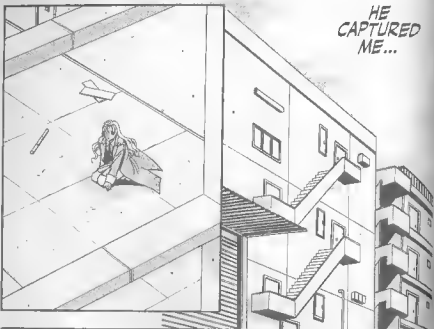


*...MY  
ENEMY.*

**PRISONER**

*FORGET  
THAT I FELL  
IN LOVE...*

*...WITH  
SAKAKI...*



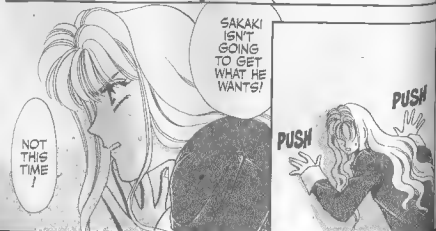
HE  
CAPTURED  
ME...



...SIT  
AROUND  
AND  
BEMOAN  
MY  
FATE!

FWAP...

...BUT  
I'M  
NOT  
JUST  
GOING  
TO...



NOT  
THIS  
TIME  
!

SAKAKI  
ISN'T  
GOING  
TO GET  
WHAT HE  
WANTS!



PUSH

PUSH



WHERE  
AM  
I...?



!

MY  
BODY  
FEELS  
HEAVY  
...

SAKAKI  
MUST HAVE  
DRAINED  
ME OF LIFE  
FORCE.

WOBBLE

...BUT  
I...

WHERE  
DO YOU  
THINK  
YOU'RE  
GOING  
?

ALL  
THE LIFE  
FORCE I  
TOOK OUT  
OF YOU  
AND YOU  
CAN STILL  
MOVE?!

SPUNKY  
LITTLE  
GIRL...

...SO I  
COULD  
KILL  
YOU...

I WAS  
GOING  
TO  
LOOK  
FOR  
YOU...

SHIK  
SHIK

I'M  
GOING  
TO KILL  
SAKAKI.

THAT'S  
RIGHT.

I HAVE  
TO KILL  
HIM...

CREAK...

...BUT  
...

I HAVE TO  
AVENGE MY  
FRIENDS!

NO MATTER  
WHAT HAPPENS,  
I HAVE TO SEE  
THAT THROUGH!

HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT?!

I MET HIM ONLY ONCE, TEN YEARS AGO!

I KNOW YOUR FATHER SAVED MY LIFE, BUT STILL ...

THE KEY IS HE WON'T BE ABLE TO KILL YOU.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT.

WHEN YOU CAN'T BEAT HIM YOURSELF?

... THAT I'LL BE ABLE TO KILL ROD?

AND HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT...?

SAKAKI ...

Fwump

SHUDDER

SSSSSS

AH ...

YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO KILL ME AS LONG AS YOU HOLD ON TO YOUR HUMAN WEAKNESS ...

NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU ATTACK ME, THE OUTCOME WILL BE THE SAME.

SAKAKI... DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE...

BUT UNTIL THEN, YOU'LL WAIT HERE WITHOUT MAKING A FUSS.

BY THE TIME YOU'RE STRIPPED OF THAT FAILING, YOU'LL BE READY TO WORK FOR ME.



DON'T INSULT ME!

HE TOLD ME NOT TO THINK LIKE THAT... BUT...

I CAN'T HELP...



...WHO MUST HAVE BEEN SO WEAK THAT HE COULD BE SLAIN BY A MERE HUMAN CHILD?!



YOU BELIEVE YOU KILLED MY FATHER...

WHAT?!



I'LL BE SURE TO WIPE THOSE ABSURD THOUGHTS OUT OF YOUR HEAD AS WELL!



BECAUSE I KILLED YOUR FATHER...?

DO YOU HATE ME...?



I ALREADY SAID NO, DAMN YOU!

THROUGH ALL THIS?

IS...IS THAT WHY YOU'RE PUTTING ME...

NO! THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS!!

THEN IT'S TRUE!

DID ROD TELL YOU ?!



NO! HE SAID...

...IT WASN'T MY FAULT.

THAT YOU KILLED MY FATHER ?!

IS THAT WHAT ROD TOLD YOU ?!





BECAUSE,  
BY THE  
SAME  
TOKEN...

...YOU  
CAN'T  
FORGIVE  
ME!



ISN'T  
THAT  
RIGHT,  
CANON  
?

THAT'S  
...

STOP  
IT!

THAT'S  
RIGHT...



SO WHAT  
DO I CARE  
FOR HIS  
REMORSE  
?!

IS THAT  
SUPPOSED  
TO ERASE  
...

...MY TEN  
YEARS  
OF  
HATE?!

MY  
HEART  
HAD  
STOPPED  
BEATING  
MINUTES  
BEFORE  
...

...BUT  
I WASN'T  
DEAD  
YET. I  
COULDN'T  
DIE.

I  
CURED  
HIM  
IN MY  
AGONY  
!!

I WAS  
POWERLESS  
TO DO  
ANYTHING  
BUT HATE  
HIM!!





SAKAKI!!!

SA...

BUT UNTIL THEN, YOU'LL SLEEP!

NEVER!!

AND YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO MAKE ME FORGET!

STOP IT!

I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU!

I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO FORGIVE YOU!!

...I CAN UNDERSTAND YOU!!

DON'T TELL ME...



I DO UNDERSTAND...

...ALL TOO WELL... AND YET...

SAKAKI, STOP IT! SAKAKI!!



...AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE.

YOU CAN DESPISE ME...

THERE, YOU SEE?



IT WON'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE.

IN SHORT ORDER, YOU'LL DO EXACTLY AS I COMMAND!



YOU'RE  
ME IF I'D  
ONLY  
HAD THE  
HATRED...

...TO  
KEEP  
ME  
GOING  
FOR  
YEARS.



YOU'RE ME,  
SAKAKI,  
IF I'D NEVER  
MET FU...

...AND  
IF I'D  
NEVER  
MET  
YOU.



I KNOW  
HIS HEART...  
ALL TOO  
WELL...



SAKAKI...



SAKAKI  
IS  
ME,  
TEN  
YEARS  
LATER  
...

...LEFT ALL  
ALONE...

...WANDERING  
ALL THIS TIME...



REMEMBER,  
IT WOULDN'T  
HAVE COME  
TO THIS IF  
YOU HADN'T  
BUNGLED THE  
ASSIGNMENT  
TEN YEAR  
AGO.

HESITATION  
WILL HOLD  
YOU BACK  
WHEN YOU  
ATTACK.

FAIL AGAIN  
TONIGHT  
AND THERE  
WILL BE NO  
FUTURE  
FOR YOU.

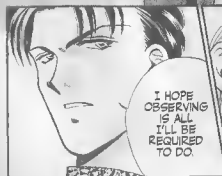
PERHAPS  
THIS IS  
YOUR PUNISHMENT

...FOR  
LETTING  
SAKAKI  
LIVE BACK  
THEN.



YOU MUSTN'T  
LET  
YOURSELF  
HAVE ANY  
SECOND  
THOUGHTS

...JUST  
BECAUSE  
SAKAKI IS  
RICARDO'S  
SON.



I HOPE  
OBSERVING  
IS ALL  
I'LL BE  
REQUIRED  
TO DO.



PERHAPS  
AND YOU'LL  
BE THERE TO  
OBSERVE MY  
"SENTENCE"  
BEING  
CARRIED  
OUT?



OF  
COURSE  
HE  
WILL

THAT'S  
THE  
IDEA.

H  
M  
M  
...

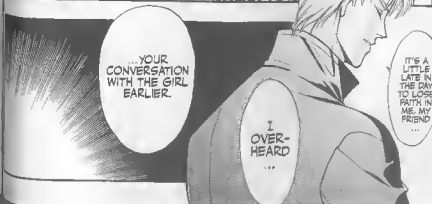
IT'LL  
BE DARK  
SOON.

I  
WONDER  
IF SAKAKI  
REALLY  
WILL BE  
DISPOSED  
OF  
TONIGHT.



WHETHER  
OR NOT  
YOU'LL  
BE ABLE  
TO KILL  
HIM.

I HAVE TO  
CONFESS,  
IT'S BEEN  
EATING  
AT ME...



...YOUR  
CONVERSATION  
WITH THE GIRL  
EARLIER.

I  
OVER-  
HEARD

IT'S A  
LITTLE  
LATE IN  
THE DAY  
TO LOSE  
FAITH IN  
ME, MY  
FRIEND  
...

YOU'RE  
TOO  
SOFT  
ON  
HER.

GET YOUR  
HEAD ON  
STRAIGHT.

SHE'S  
TOO FAR  
GONE  
TO BE  
CHANGED  
BACK  
INTO  
HUMAN.

BE  
SURE  
THAT  
YOU DO.

OH,  
ONE  
MORE  
THING  
...

ABOUT  
THE  
SERVANT  
GIRL...

YOU  
KNOW  
THAT THE  
ONLY  
THING  
TO BE  
DONE...

...IS  
TO KILL  
HER.

M  
M  
M  
...

CERTAINLY,  
I SHOULD  
HAVE  
KILLED HIM  
DECISIVELY  
TEN YEARS  
AGO.

THE ONLY  
THING THAT  
KEEPS  
HIM ALIVE  
NOW IS  
HATE.

THERE  
WON'T  
BE ANY  
HESITA-  
TION.

I WILL  
KILL HIM  
TONIGHT  
...

...FOR HIS  
OWN SAKE  
AS MUCH AS  
ANYTHING  
ELSE!

H  
M  
P  
H.



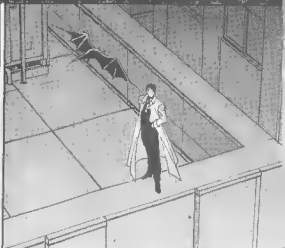
...TO  
WHERE  
THE GIRL  
IS.

LEAD  
ME...

FLAP



I  
KNOW.





I NEVER DID THINK YOU TOOD A CHANCE.



AH...



OR PERHAPS I SHOULD AVOID THAT TO, YOU'RE BEING KEPT ALIVE.



WELL, WELL ...

YOU'RE STILL ALIVE, ARE YOU?



AFTER ALL, YOU'RE JUST ONE SERVANT...

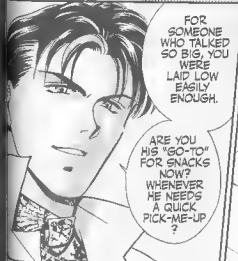


...BUT YOU'RE ALSO ROD'S WEAKNESS ...

...SO YOU MUST BE KILLED!



WH-WHAT... ?



FOR SOMEONE WHO TALKED SO BIG, YOU WERE LAID LOW EASILY ENOUGH.

ARE YOU HIS "GO-TO" FOR SNACKS NOW? WHENEVER HE NEEDS A QUICK PICK-ME-UP ?



YOU'RE ...



LEAVE  
HERE,  
VAMPIRE  
...





SO  
YOU'RE  
SAKAKI...



YOU  
KNOW,  
YOU  
LOOK  
LIKE  
YOUR  
FATHER.

FWOOOOO

YOU  
INTEND  
ON HAVING  
HER FIGHT  
ROD,  
IS THAT  
IT?



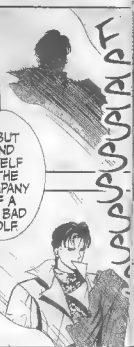
KYAAA



TOSS

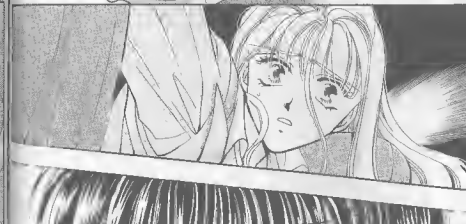
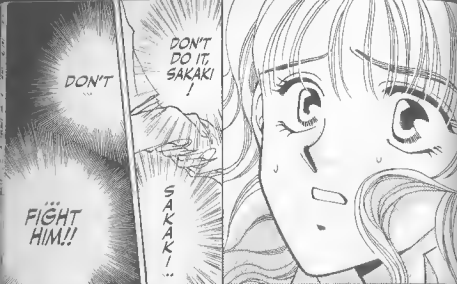
I CAME  
HERE TO  
TAKE  
OUT A  
HELPLESS  
LITTLE  
GIRL...

...BUT  
FIND  
MYSELF  
IN THE  
COMPANY  
OF A  
BIG BAD  
WOLF









...SO  
WHENEVER  
THE "JUICE"  
HE GAVE  
HER HIT THE  
BOTTOM  
OF THE  
BARREL...

BUT  
I GUESS  
EVEN ROD  
COULDN'T  
CURE THE  
DISEASE...

...HE'D  
COME  
OUT OF  
HIDING  
AND GIVE  
HER  
MORE.

THAT  
THE LIFE  
FORCE  
ROD GAVE  
ME WAS  
RUNNING  
OUT.

HE  
TOLD  
ME THE  
SAME  
THING  
THEN...

CAN  
YOU  
GUESS  
WHY?

...BUT  
SHE KEPT  
RIGHT  
ON LIVING  
AFTER  
THAT.

WHEN SHE  
RAN INTO  
ROD TEN  
YEARS AGO,  
SHE WAS  
ON THE  
BRINK OF  
DEATH...

THIS GIRL  
USED TO  
HAVE A  
TERMINAL  
DISEASE.

IS  
HAVING  
ONE OF  
YOUR OWN  
GET THAT  
CLOSE  
TO A  
HUMAN...

...CONSIDERED  
ACCEPTABLE  
THESE DAYS  
IN YOUR  
CLAN?

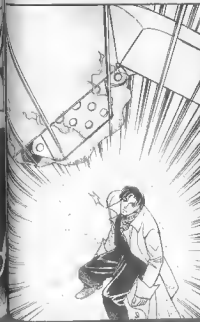
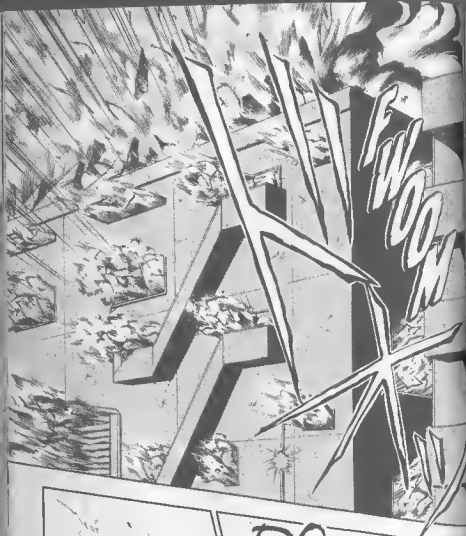
OR DOES  
SHE HAVE  
TO DIE  
BEFORE HE  
GETS TAKEN  
BACK INTO  
THE FOLD??  
HOW DOES  
THAT WORK?

W  
H  
A  
T  
...

IT'S  
BECAUSE  
ROD GAVE  
HER A  
MASSIVE  
DOSE OF  
HIS  
OWN LIFE  
FORCE.

AND THAT  
WASN'T  
THE LAST  
TIME,  
EITHER.







I BELIEVE  
I TOLD  
YOU THAT  
I'D KILL  
SAKAKI.



YOU'RE A  
DAMNED  
FOOL....

...JUST  
LIKE  
RICARDO.



ESCAPED,  
HAS  
HE...?

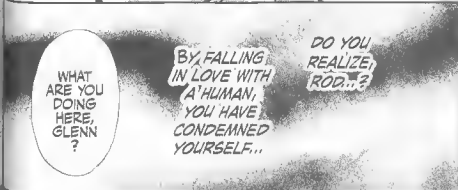


WOOSH



UNTHINKABLE  
FOR A  
VAMPIRE!

ROD TOOK THAT  
MUCH PITY ON  
THE GIRL?



WHAT  
ARE YOU  
DOING  
HERE,  
GLENN  
?

BY FALLING  
IN LOVE WITH  
A HUMAN,  
YOU HAVE  
CONDEMNED  
YOURSELF...

DO YOU  
REALIZE,  
ROD...?



WHAT...  
YOU  
WERE  
SAYING  
BACK  
THERE  
...



SAKAKI  
...

AM I  
REALLY  
JUST...?

SAKA  
...

ALL YOU  
HAVE TO  
FOCUS  
ON IS  
MURDERING  
HIM











**YOUR  
ENEMY  
...**

**...IS  
RÖD.**

**PRISONER. THE END**

# MOON



ALL I AM  
TO SAKAKI...  
ALL I'LL  
EVER BE...

...IS A  
TOOL.  
AND  
YET...

HATE ME  
AS MUCH  
AS YOU  
LIKE,  
CANON...

HE'S MY  
ENEMY...

HE TRICKED  
ME...

EVEN  
THOUGH  
I HATE  
HIM,  
I CAN'T  
HIDE IT.

TRY  
AS I  
MIGHT TO  
FORGET;  
IT JUST  
WON'T  
GO  
AWAY.

AND  
I CAN'T  
SUPPRESS  
THE  
FEELING.

I WAS  
LONELY,  
I WAS  
VULNERABLE...  
AND  
SOMEWHERE  
ALONG  
THE WAY,  
I STARTED  
BELIEVING  
IN HIM.

STOP  
IT,  
SAKAKI  
...

ZOOO...

SAKA  
...

I DIDN'T  
NOTICE UNTIL  
IT WAS TOO  
LATE, BUT I  
WAS ATTRACTED  
TO SAKAKI.





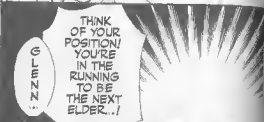
I DON'T HAVE THE STRENGTH TO BRING THE CLAN TOGETHER.

YOU BE THE NEXT ELDER.



YOU STEPPED OVER YOURS WHEN YOU SHOWED THE HUMAN COMPASSION.

WE VAMPIRES MAY ACT UPON OUR WHIMS, BUT THERE ARE LIMITS.



: zzzmlg

THINK OF YOUR POSITION! YOU'RE IN THE RUNNING TO BE THE NEXT ELDER...!



THE NIGHT I KILLED RICARDO

...I REALIZED

...WHAT IT WAS HE'D BEEN SEARCHING FOR SO BADLY THAT HE GAVE UP THE CLAN



ROD! LOOK !!

W H A



HE'S OVER THERE !!!



...A GIRL WAS FATED TO DIE...

...BUT ROD GAVE HER... CANON...LIFE.



TEN YEARS AGO...



DID YOU HEAR IT FROM SAKAKI ?



THEN IT IS TRUE.



! YOU CAN TELL ME ABOUT IT LATER!

AFTER WE KILL THEM!



WAKE UP, ROD! SAKAKI "TURNED" THE GIRL FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF EXPLOITING YOUR WEAKNESS !!



...BUT WHAT HUMANS CALL "LOVE."

THE FEELING THAT VAMPIRES REFER TO AS "WEAKNESS" ...

AND THE SAME NIGHT AT THE SAME PLACE...

THE HUMAN HEART.



SWISH SAKAKI... YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS...!!



WHAT?!

...WHAT HIS FATHER HAD FOUND.



...SAKAKI THREW AWAY...









IF THEY  
FIGHT NOW,  
YOUR  
PLAYMATES  
WILL KILL  
CANON.

IS  
THAT  
ALL  
RIGHT  
WITH  
YOU?



TAK

YOU'RE  
SEPARATED  
FROM  
YOUR  
COMRADES,  
ROD.



SHIK

DON'T  
EVEN  
THINK  
ABOUT IT,  
ROD!  
EITHER  
WAY, THAT  
GIRL HAS  
TO...



WHA

UWAAA!



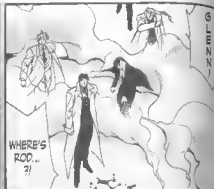
THE FOG'S  
LIKE A  
SMOKE  
SCREEN...!  
DID SAKAKI  
MAKE IT  
?!



CAN'T  
SEE A  
DAMNED  
THING  
...



ROD,  
YOU  
DAMNED  
DAMNED  
FOOL...



WHERE'S  
ROD...  
?!



STUPID  
WRETCHED  
...

...HUMANS...



...HOW  
ONE OF US  
COULD BE  
CHARMED  
BY A HUMAN  
HEART?!

DOES HE  
REALLY  
EXPECT  
ME TO  
UNDER-  
STAND...



K  
R  
K  
K  
K



WOULD  
YOU  
GIVE  
UP THE  
CLAN FOR  
THEM  
?!?



BY A  
MERE  
...

R  
O  
A  
R  
R  
R  
R

...HUMAN?!















IF  
ONLY  
YOU  
HADN'T  
...

...  
GOTTEN  
CANON  
MESS'D  
UP IN  
THIS.



...I  
WOULD'VE  
GIVEN  
YOU...

IF  
YOU'D  
ONLY  
LEFT  
HER  
ALONE  
...

IF  
YOU  
HADN'T  
...

...MY LIFE,  
ANYTIME.



...INTO  
OUR  
LAND OF  
DARKNESS  
?!

WHY  
DID  
YOU  
DRAG  
HER  
...

...A  
GIRL  
WHO  
LIVED  
UNDER  
THE  
SUN...

...WHY  
DIDN'T  
YOU TRY  
TO TAKE  
REVENGE  
ON ME  
ALONE,  
SAKAKI  
?!

...THE AGONY  
THAT COMES  
WITH HAVING  
EVERYTHING  
SNATCHED  
AWAY FROM  
YOU?

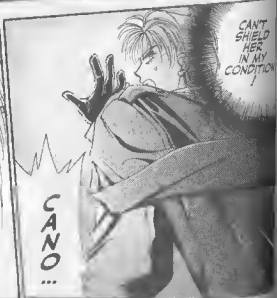
YOU,  
WHO  
KNEW  
MORE  
THAN  
ANYONE  
...



IF  
ONLY...



CANO  
...



CAN'T  
SHIELD  
HER  
IN MY  
CONDITION!



ASK  
ME  
IF I  
CARE.

FWOOM

GLENN!





BUT  
YOU  
STUCK  
YOUR  
NOSE  
IN...

ONE  
MORE  
MOMENT  
WAS  
ALL I  
NEEDED.

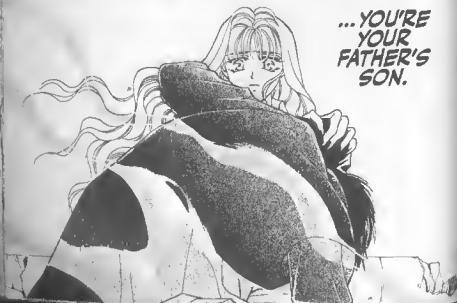


IN THE  
END...

NOW  
I SEE,  
SAKAKI!  
...



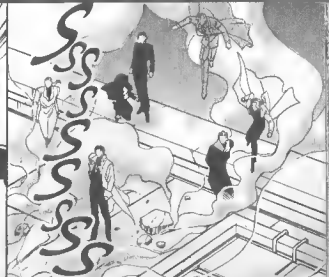
TAKING  
CARE OF  
THESE  
TWO  
COMES  
FIRST.



...YOU'RE  
YOUR  
FATHER'S  
SON.



ROD!



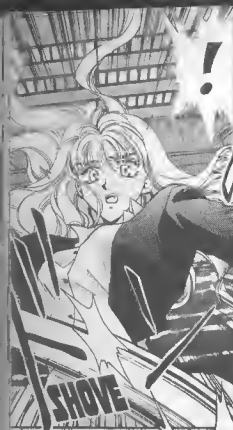
GLENN,  
WHAT  
HAVE YOU  
DONE...  
?!



LEAVE  
HIM  
BE.



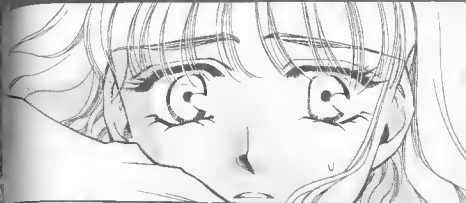
YOU  
KNEW  
ROD  
WOULD  
BE  
HURT!



SHOVE



GET  
OUT  
OF  
HERE  
!!!



CANON...  
GET AWAY  
FROM  
HERE,  
YOU'LL  
ONLY BE  
IN THE  
WAY...



CLATTER



SAKAKI...



THUMP  
THUMP



YOU...

...  
PROTECTED  
ME?



GO...









YOU OUGHTA BE THANKFUL. ANOTHER SECOND AND I WOULD'VE BEEN IMMOLATED UP THERE ALONE WITH YOUR COAT!







# CANON

CHIKA SHIOMI





# とどける時を 過ぎても

EVEN IF THE TIME  
TO REVEAL IS PAST

# CANON

CHIKA SHIOMI



HOW MANY  
TIMES DO YOU  
THINK PEOPLE  
THOUGHT  
I WAS  
HIM?!

20  
TIMES, BUSTER!  
20  
TIMES  
!!

AND EVERY  
SINGLE ONE  
OF THEM WAS  
ALONG THE  
LINES OF "GIVE  
ME THE MONEY  
YOU OWE ME!"  
OR "THIS IS  
PAYBACK FOR  
LAST TIME!"

ACTUALLY ...

...BY  
PERFECT  
STRANGERS  
WHO  
THOUGHT  
THEY  
KNEW ME  
!!

I'VE  
BEEN  
ROBBED  
OF OVER  
\$500...

THEN  
COULD  
YOU...

...ARRANGE  
FOR ME  
TO MEET  
HIM?

WHY  
?!

I'M  
AFRAID  
THAT'S  
OUT  
OF THE  
QUESTION  
...

BUT  
YOU DON'T  
RESEMBLE  
HIM.  
YOU'RE HIS  
SPITTING  
IMAGE.

Eh?

WHEN I  
HEARD THE  
RUMOR THAT  
IBUKI-SAN  
HAD A  
"DOPPEL-  
GANGER..."

...I WENT  
SEARCHING  
FOR HIM...  
FOR YOU.

I'M  
SORRY, I  
SHOULD  
HAVE  
INTRO-  
DUCED  
MYSELF  
EARLIER.

MY NAME IS  
YAMAGUCHI.  
I'M  
EMPLOYED  
AS A  
SERVANT BY  
A CERTAIN  
WEALTHY  
FAMILY.

OH  
YEAH  
?

SO  
YOU  
KNOW  
THIS  
IBUKI  
GUY?

YES,  
YOU  
COULD  
SAY  
THAT.





THEN HE  
MUST NOT'VE  
BEEN THAT  
BAD A GUY.

...AND SHE  
REALLY  
LOVED  
THIS IBUKI  
CHARACTER  
?

Y  
M  
Y

SO  
THIS  
IS THE  
DAUGHTER  
?

Y  
M  
Y

WELL...

HE WOULD GO OUT  
WITH A DIFFERENT  
WOMAN EVERY DAY,  
GET INTO FIGHTS  
JUST AS OFTEN,  
AND NEVER PAID  
HIS DEBTS.

TO BE  
HONEST,  
HE  
WAS A  
DIFFICULT  
MAN TO  
DEAL  
WITH...

MISS  
SHIZUKA  
FUJINO.

Could he be  
identical twin.

And I look  
like him?

THIS  
PLACE

IS  
HUGE

Sure is!!  
big enough  
to need a  
servant!!

LURED BY THE  
MONEY, I DIDN'T  
EVEN GIVE IT  
A SECOND  
THOUGHT...

THE MASTER  
AND MISTRESS OF THE HOUSE  
ARE BOTH  
WORKING THIS  
EVENING...

...SO THEY  
HAVEN'T  
PREPARED  
A PROPER  
RECEPTION  
FOR YOU.

N-NO  
BIG  
DEAL...

CLATTER





YOU  
GIVIN'  
ME  
ORDERS,  
JERK...  
?!



WAS  
THAT  
"BUKI-  
ESQUE"?

JUST  
KIDDING.



I  
APOLO-  
GIZE  
...

...BUT I'M  
CONCERNED  
FOR MISS  
SHIZUKA'S  
HEALTH.

BUT  
YOU  
WANT  
ME TO  
GO  
RIGHT  
NOW...  
?

PLAY THE  
GHOST OF  
IBUKI  
WITH NO  
MORE  
PRACTICE  
THAN  
THAT?

Y-YOU  
HAVE HIM  
DOWN  
FLAT.  
EVEN THE  
VOICE...

I KINDA  
THOUGHT  
SO.

...ALL I  
did was  
cop a bad  
attitude...

THAT'S RIGHT.  
HE SAID SHE  
HASN'T BEEN  
EATING FOR  
A WEEK...



C  
R  
E  
A  
K  
...

...



I'M  
COMING  
IN.

NO  
NO  
NO

MR.  
TAKA-  
HASHI.

SHUT  
UP!



MISS  
SHIZUKA IS  
SLEEPING  
...

...SO NOW  
WOULD BE  
THE BEST  
TIME TO...



CON-  
SOLE  
HER.

IT  
DOESN'T  
MATTER  
WHAT MY  
TYPE IS...  
MY JOB  
IS TO...

NO, NO,  
NO...

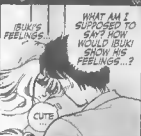
CASP



ALL  
RIGHT.  
LEAVE  
IT TO  
ME.



"...HE DIDN'T  
SPEND AL  
THAT MUCH  
TIME WITH  
SHIZUKA-SAMA."



IBUKI'S  
FEELINGS.

WHAT AM I  
SUPPOSED TO  
SAY? HOW  
WOULD IBUKI  
SHOW HIS  
FEELINGS...?

CUTE

WHICH  
IS...



IF IT  
WERE ME,  
I'D NEVER  
HAVE LEFT  
HER BEHIND  
TO GO  
CHASE OTHER  
GIRLS...

IT'S NOT  
JUST OUR  
PERSON-  
ALITIES  
THAT ARE  
DIFFERENT,  
BUT OUR  
TASTE IN  
WOMEN,  
TOO.

...OF  
COURSE,  
EASIER  
SAID THAN  
DONE.



ACK.





...COULD YOU GIVE ME A RIDE TO THE TRAIN STATION?

SORRY, BUT ...

I WISH ...



...FOR SOME REASON ...

...I FEEL INCREDIBLY GUILTY.



NOTHING. I JUST THOUGHT THE LONGER I STAYED, THE BETTER THE CHANCE SHE'D FIGURE OUT THE RUSE.

BUT WHAT?



COMFORTED HER

...THAT COULD'VE ACTUALLY...

...I'D SAID SOMETHING ...



WHAT'S WRONG?!

MR. TAKAHASHI?

SSSSH! WHAT IF SHE HEARS YOU?!



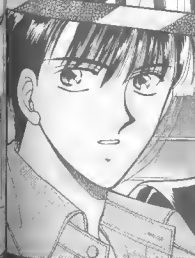
BUT...

NO... I DON'T THINK SO.



I THOUGHT MAYBE SHE CAUGHT ON...

BUT YOU'RE LEAVING ALL OF A SUDDEN...





STAY  
AWAY  
FROM  
ME !!

DON'T  
COME  
ANY  
CLOSER  
!!



SHI-  
ZUKA-  
SAMA !

...  
SPOKEN  
SO  
KINDLY  
...  
...TO  
ME.



WAIT!  
PLEASE,  
WAIT!  
LET ME  
EXPLAIN..  
!

DON'T  
COME  
IN  
HERE  
!!





...BUT  
THAT  
WAS  
THE  
ONLY  
TIME...

ONE TIME,  
WHEN I WAS  
SURROUNDED  
BY A GROUP  
OF MEN,  
HE SAVED  
ME...



...NO  
MATTER  
WHAT I DID  
FOR HIM.

...HE  
EVER  
SHOWED  
ME ANY  
KINDNESS  
...



BUT  
THAT'S  
WHO  
HE  
WAS...



THAT'S  
THE  
IBUKI  
THAT I  
LOVED.



WAIT...

I'M  
SORRY,  
TRICKING  
YOU  
LIKE THAT  
IS JUST...  
INEXCUS-  
ABLE!

SHIZUKA-  
SAMA...!



IT  
FEELS  
STRANGE  
HEARING  
THOSE  
WORDS...

...COMING  
OUT OF  
WHAT  
LOOKS  
LIKE  
IBUKI'S  
MOUTH.



ACTUALLY  
...

HE  
WAS  
ALWAYS  
COLD  
TO ME.



BUT  
CALM  
DOWN  
AND  
TRY TO  
UNDER-  
STAND!

IF YOU'D  
GONE ON  
LIKE YOU  
WERE...

WELL,  
I DON'T  
WANNA BE  
WITH YOU,  
DUMMY!



CAREFUL...!

I WANT  
TO...

...BE  
WITH  
HIM...

SHIZU-  
KA...!!

EVEN  
IF HE  
HATED  
ME...

...I  
WANT  
TO...



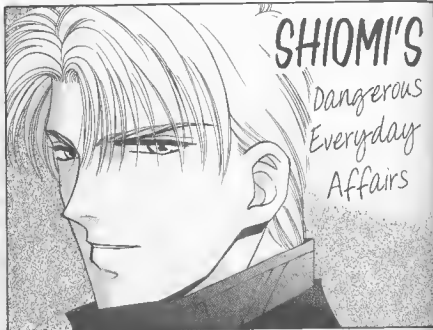




WHATEVER THE WORDS THAT ARE USED...

...I GUESS THERE'S NO SUBSTITUTE FOR THE TRUTH.





# SHIOMI'S

Dangerous  
Everyday  
Affairs

...but the truth is  
the truth, so there's  
nothing for it.



MAGGOTS  
FELL from  
my CEILING.

MAGGOTS  
FELL FROM MY  
CEILING.

Recently, I had  
a terrifying  
experience.

...and by  
mentioning it,  
I'm wrecking  
my own high  
class image...



And I know  
that I  
probably  
shouldn't  
write  
about such  
a thing  
in the back  
of this  
"cool"  
manga  
series...

As we  
all know,  
a MAGGOT  
is a  
FLY LARVA.



...HOW  
YOU  
REALLY  
FEEL  
ABOUT  
HER.

'CAUSE  
IF SHE DIED,  
IT'D BE  
TOO LATE  
TO LET HER  
KNOW...

Y'KNOW,  
THOUGH, I  
HOPE THIS  
MAKES YOU  
QUIT WORRYING  
ABOUT THE  
EMPLOYEE-  
EMPLOYER  
SITUATION...

BUT IN THE  
INSTANT  
WHEN THAT  
LOUDMOUTH  
GHOST...

...CAUGHT  
SHIZUKA-SAN  
WITH HIS  
ARM...

EH?

I  
SAW HIS  
FACE...

...AS HE  
LOOKED  
AT HER.

IF IT  
MADE ME  
JEALOUS

...I'D  
BETTER  
NOT TELL  
YAMAGUCHI  
ABOUT  
IT!

EVEN IF THE TIME TO  
REVEAL IS PAST, THE END

